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SUBJ: PRESIDENT OF GABON VISITS MOROCCO

1. FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT OF GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO RESULTED IN EXTREMELY CORDIAL BUT OTHERWISE UNREMARKABLE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. DOCUMENT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS INTER ALIA: MUTUAL SOLIDARITY WITH RECOGNIZED AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND WITH NAMIBIANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS; SUPPORT FOR EVACUATION OF ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES; SIGNATURE OF FIVE ACCORDS ON COOPERATION IN TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS. COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINED MODERATE LANGUAGE ON SAHARA, EXPRESSING GABONESE UNDERSTANDING FOR "LEGITIMATE MOROCCAN PREOCCUPATIONS" AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR ICJ INITIATIVE "TAKEN BY MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA." MEANWHILE, AFP ITEM FROM LIBREVILLE PUBLISHED HERE NOV 10 REPORTS MOROCCO WILL PARTICIPATE IN FINANCING CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSGABONESE RAILWAY TO TUNE OF APPROXIMATELY 35 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. BONGO, MOST RECENTLY HERE FOR OAU SUMMIT IN 1972, ACCORDED EVERY POSSIBLE COURTESY AND VISIT RECEIVED EXTRA-  
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ORDINARY ATTENTION IN SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS. ENTOURAGE,

41 STRONG, INCLUDED VICE-PRESIDENT MEBIAME, FOUR MINISTERS  
AND HEALTHY NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL TECHNOCRATS.

3. COMMENT: FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, BONGO'S VISIT, LIKE  
THAT OF CAMEROONIAN PRESIDENT AHIDJO IN JUNE, REFLECTS  
KING HASSAN'S CONSIDERABLE CONTINUING INTEREST IN  
BLACK AFRICA. KING CLEARLY EAGER TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN  
ARAB-AFRICAN DIALOGUE, PARTICULARLY WITH FRANCOPHONE  
WEST AFRICANS. ONE OF HIS PURPOSES MAY WELL BE TO  
COUNTER ALGERIAN INFLUENCE WITH THEM. IN THIS SENSE,  
HASSAN SEEMS TO HAVE OUTFLANKED OIL PRODUCERS WITH HIS  
SEPT 17 PRESS CONFERENCE PROMISE OF CONCESSIONARY  
PHOSPHATE PRICES TO AFRICANS.  
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